

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): A composition having oxidative stability comprising:

polyunsaturated fatty acid or its salt or ester,

an antioxidative sesame component which is purified from sesame or synthesized, and

ascorbic acid or an ascorbyl fatty acid ester,

wherein said antioxidative sesame component is 0.5% or more to said polyunsaturated fatty acid or its salt or ester, and

ascorbic acid or an ascorbyl fatty acid ester is 0.01% or more to said polyunsaturated fatty acid or its salt or ester.

2-3. (Cancelled).

4. (Withdrawn): A composition according to claim 1, wherein the poly unsaturated fatty acid contains at least one of eicosapentaenoic acid and docosahexaenoic acid.

5. (Previously Presented): A composition according to claim 1, wherein the ester of the poly unsaturated fatty acid is a triglyceride containing the poly unsaturated fatty acid as a constituent, or a lower alcohol ester of the poly unsaturated fatty acid.

6. (Previously Presented): A composition according to claim 1, wherein the ester of the poly unsaturated fatty acid is added in a form of refined fish oil.

7. (Previously Presented): A composition according to claim 1, wherein the antioxidative sesame component is at least one of the substances represented by peaks detected by high-performance liquid chromatography using an electrochemical detector at elution times of about 2.66, 3.40, 3.84, 4.57, 4.98, 5.82, 7.00, 8.67, 9.84, 11.24, 12.29, 12.49, 13.36, 14.04, 14.32, 14.74, 15.22, 15.60, 15.82, 16.34, 16.98, 18.10, 18.43, and 34.91 minutes.

8. (Previously Presented): A composition according to claim 1, wherein the antioxidative sesame component is extracted from sesame, sesame oil, or sesame residue, using a solvent, a lipid, or an emulsifier singly or in combination.

9. (Previously Presented): A composition according to claim 1, wherein the antioxidative sesame component is at least one selected from the group consisting of sesamol, sesaminol, episesaminol, pinoresinol, epipinoresinol, syringaresinol, samine, sesamolinal, and 2,3-di(4'-hydroxy-3'-methoxybenzyl)-2-buten-4-olide.

10. (Previously Presented): A composition according to Claim 1, wherein the antioxidative sesame component is sesamol.

11. (Previously Presented): A composition according to Claim 1, wherein the antioxidative sesame component is extracted from sesame residue.

12. (Original): A composition according to Claim 11, wherein the antioxidative sesame component extracted from sesame residue is extraction using a solvent, a lipid, or an emulsifier singly or in combination.

13. (Previously Presented): A composition according to claim 1, wherein the ascorbyl fatty acid ester contains ascorbyl palmitate or ascorbyl stearate.

14. (Previously Presented): A composition according to claim 1, wherein the ascorbic acid or the ascorbyl fatty acid ester is contained in an excessive amount more than the amount soluble in the poly unsaturated fatty acid or its salt or ester.

15. (Previously Presented): A composition according to claim 14, wherein the excessive amount of the ascorbic acid is in a powder or solid form.

16. (Previously Presented): A composition according to claim 1, further comprising tocopherol.

17. (Previously Presented): A composition as set forth in claim 1, wherein the composition is contained in a food.

18. (Previously Presented): A composition as set forth in claim 1, wherein the composition is contained in a powdered oil or fat.

19. (Previously Presented): A composition as set forth in claim 1, wherein the composition is contained in a powdered baby milk.

20. (Previously Presented): A composition as set forth in claim 1, wherein the composition is contained in a health food.